OSCAR SENDS HIS RESPECTS

Congratulatory Telegram Received by Bismarck from the Ewedish King.

ALL EYES TURNED ON FREIDRICHSRUH

Today Will Witness the Crowning Events of the Celebration in Honor of the Iron Chancellor-Thousands Crowd Around His Home.

FRIEDRIC ISRUH, March 31.-The Bisplayed by the German people over the eightieth anniversary of the birth of the old chancellor. Every train arriving at Friedrichsruh is loaded with presents for the aged statesman, and every post brings hundreds of congratulatory letters, not only from people in Germany, but from Germans and others throughout the civilized world. Thousands have put them carefully away, to be preserved as mementoes of the iron chancellor and the great outpouring of the public heart

in his honor. Nothing preventing, it is believed that tomorrow, the actual anniversary of the prince's birth, will witness such a popular demonstration as has not been witnessed since the return to Berlin of the conquering armies from France. Every preparation has been made to accommodate the vast crowds. The decoration of the station has been concluded, and the roadway from the station to the schloss has been transformed by willing hands into a veritable triumphal arcade. A beautiful work of art, the gift of the inhabitants of Anhalt, who took up a subscription for the purpose, has been erected in a field overlooking the prince's home. The work, which is in bronze, represents a large stag keeping two dogs at bay.

PRINCE SOMEWHAT FATIGUED. For the first time since the beginning of the celebration in his honor, Prince Bismarck on Saturday was somewhat fatigued and indisposed, his old trouble, neuralgia, affecting him slightly. A good night's sleep, however, restored his health and spirits, and

today he was as bright as ever.

Thousands of visitors arrived today, hoping that they would get a glimpse of the prince. Quite a fair has been established in the vicinity of the station. Refreshment booths have been erected, and here and there and everywhere are itinerant purveyers of Bis-marek post cards, medals, portraits and memoritoes of every description. Quite a thriving trade was done. During the after-noon the sky became overcast, and then fol-lowed drenching showers. The rain, however, was not sufficient to dampen the en-thusiasm of the sightseers and holiday makers, and between the showers the crowds would watch the residence, heping that per chance they might get a glimpse of him they had come to honor. Today the prince received his first con-

gratulatory telegram from a crowned head outside of Germany. It was from King Oscar of Sweden, and contained a graceful expression of his majesty's interest in the occasion and hearty well wishes for the prince's welfare and longevity.

THOUSANDS CELEBRATE AT HAMBURG HAMBURG, March 31 .- One of the feathe holding last night of a "commers," ganized by the Reichstag Electorate union ere present, and hundreds had to be turned way from the doors owing to lack of room

everal senators, the president of the Hous Burgesses, officers, and the elite of Han ourg society were present. Dr. Sievking president of the supreme provincial court proposed "hochs" for Emperor William. His majesty's popularity has been greatly in creased here by his graceful attitude towarthe prince, and the "bochs" were given hearty good will. Dr. Sievking made an eloquent speech, in which he highly eulogized the services of Prince Bismarck The speech was received with storms of ap-

Today all the public and a majority of the private buildings in the city were decorated with flags and bunting in honor of the occa tion, on a scale that had not been attempte before in a quarter of a century. In the win dow of every shop there was displayed either a wreathed portrait or bust of the great Reischskasellor. In addition, some of the windows contained historic scenes and portraits of Emperor William. Photographs the meeting of the emperer and Prince Bis marck last Tuesday are being sold in large

LIGHTED THE BEACON FIRES. BERLIN, March 31.—Telegrams are pour ing in from all parts of the empire announce ing that the Bismarckian fetes have been commenced with great spirit. There was specially interesting gathering at the nationa monument of Germania in the Niederwald whither thousands traveled from all parts of the Rhineland. Among those present were representatives of thirty-six cities in the Rheinish district. Prof. Autoken of Glessel university delivered an oration at the foot monument. In Munich, the Bavaria capital, a musicale in henor of the occasio was given in the Odeon. Throughout German loy fires are burning on the highest mounta' peaks and hills from the Baitle and North tea on the north to the Swiss and Austrian frontiers on the south; from the Russian frontiers on the east to the frontiers of France and the Netherlands on the west. Never before in the his tory of the empire has there been such a joyful and spontaneous exhibition of love l the German people. Tomerrow all the schools and most of the civil and state offices will be closed in henor of him to whom the empire

PRESS COMMENT ON BISMARCK. LONDON, March 31.—The Times has this dispatch from Berlin: "With few excepions, the newspapers publish leaders of Prince Bismarck, accompanied by poetical rances calculated to injure the feeling

semi-official North German Gazette concludes a very sympathetic article with these words: "As in the years before Prince Bismarck's work, so now also large section of our people stand between hope and fear, asking themselves whether we are in the right path and whether it will lead to a new rise and happy end o to decline and ruin. We have, however, an incalculable advantage in having learned of our strength. Every hour we can com fort ourselves by looking back on the past which gives us the assurance that so lon elevated nothing can destroy, neither an envious external enemy, nor an insidious internal foe. For all the services Prince march has performed for his king and arry, before the magnitude of which the tongue is dumb, we thank him today with the sincerest gratitude of our deeply moved hearts."

address of the Bundesrath to Prince Bismarck, after expressing that body's satis-faction at having co-operated with him, pro-ceeds: "Thanks to the policy directed by serene highness, the alliance of the ces stands firm against the deco elements which never weary in the attemp to destroy the work of a glorious tim The Bundesrath continues its way with the triotic conviction that with the fursecing vision that enabled the foundations of this empire to be laid the federal council will utinue to the further completion of the sperial edifice on lines contemplated by our serene highness, thereby paying one art of the debt due to the statesmaulike thievements of the first chanceller."

SPANIARDS CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS. Martinez Campos Expected April 4, When the Campaign Will Be Pressed.

TAMPA, Fla., March 31.—The steamship Olivette arrived tonight, bringing, among other passengers, Spaniards and Cubans from the island. The Spaniards said there was fighting in the eastern part of the island. but they were sorry for the "poor Cubans" engaged in it and for those that were not killed in the fighting, as they would be shot afterward. They ridiculed the idea of Cuban success. When asked if they were leaving the island to avoid being forces into the volunteer ranks, they said they tories, as the business was dull in Havana. Spanish estimates place the insurgent forces at less than 3,000, and the reason assigned marck celebration is in full swing, and every for the shipment of so many soldiers from day seems to add to the enthusiasm dis-

upon thousands of special Bismarck post cards have been sold, and great numbers have been mailed to the United States. Those in Germany who have received them

A Cuban report is that arms were disembarked near Santiago by Cubans on the 24th. Brooks is said to have left the island, with Masso commanding his troops during his absence. Santo Gildes is said to have been routed by Amader Guerre on the 22d, with slight losses. Camagny insurgents are in command of the Marquez de Santa Luca. They are in possession of the town of Camagny. All the insurgent forces are ocusing toward Yara, where they intenderming the new republic. La Chambre has en captured by Guillerman and Baire and now a prisoner at Montenegre. A band Vinelles, in the Vuelta Abajo district, ear Havana, is said to number 200. Gonzalo Quezada, secretary of the Cuban evolutionary party, is here at the home of

olonel Figuerredo. KEY WEST, Fla., March 3t.-Private adces last night from Cuba, per steamer Olivette, state that several minor fights on the 26th and 27th instant took place between the Spanish troops and insurgents in the vince of Santa Clara. The Insurgents defeated the Spanish troops both days. The Spaniards left their dead on the field and retreated in good order. The dead, it is stated numbered forty-nine in both days' According to the advices the soldiers re ently sent from Spain called volunteers, the nost of whom are boys, are conscripts. Their carts are not in the fight and there has been nany of them deserting and going over to the insurgents. Two regiments were sent to the country three days after their arrival in Havana. Fifty so-called Spanish volunteers recently arrived from Spain deserted and are with the insurgent general, Palcio. General Amador Guerra is near Manzanillo.

a seaport town, with 5,000 well armed cavalry. He is considered the bravest of all the Cubans. It is expected he will shortly raid the towns of Santiago and Manzanillo. It is estimated that the insurgents number 0.000 under arms in the island.

Today a prominent Cuban of this city said:
"Spain will find us prepared this time and
not like '86. We have leaders and lots of
money. We will have our independence and money. We will have our independence and very likely annexation to the United States." He said the yellow fever was within the Spanish ranks and that the insurgents would get aid from the outside

The steamer Pedro Pablo is still under surveillance by the customs authorities. The cutter McLane is still here to enforce the neutrality laws.

KOYAMA GETS A LIFE SENTENCE. ssailant of Li Hung Chang Lucky to Get Away with His Life.

SHIMONESEKI, March 31.-Koyama Rotunseki, the young Japanese who attempted o assassinate Li Hung Chang, has been senenced to penal servitude for life.

The armistice established by the order of the mikado extends to April 20, but it will erminate if the peace "pour parlers" are broken in the meantime. According to the terms of the armistice, the movement of troops and the transportation of contraband of war by sea is forbidden. The new distribution of troops not intended to augment the armies in the field is allowed.

Colombian Prisoners Released. COLON, Colombia, March 31.-The politcal prisoners who were brought here have

The Central American coffee shippers are rejoicing over the lifting of the Panama railroad injunction, which is pronounced to be virtually a cancelment of the monopoly held by the Pacific Mail Steamship company. The general term of the supreme court is New York state recently handed down an opinion on an appeal in a suit brought by the Pacific Mail Steamship company against the Panama Italiroad company against the Panama Italiroad company for a definition of a contract between the parties dated 1872. This opinion modifies very materially the drastic effect of the injunction originally obtained by the steamship company against the railroad, in that it denies the right of the Steamship company to exclusive through hilling privileges to and from Central American points in connection with the railroad, Both parties are now awaiting the Issuance of a decree based on this opinion.

LONDON, March 31.-A special dispatch from Parls says that the so-called "Yanke mystery," the shooting of Waddell Orreid by Thomas O'Brien, on Wednesday last, at the Northern tailway station, is still unexplained. O'Brien laughs at the nattecedents saddled on him and says that they are probably his brothers, whom he describes as a "bad lot." The quarrel, it is said, is not one arising from differences between bookmakers, but had its origin in a love affair, and resembles the troubles between bookmakers, but had its origin in a love affair, and resembles the troubles between Jim Fisk and Stokes, which led to the shooting of the former. The present heroine's charms are very great. Both at the American legation and consulate unusual reticence in regard to the affair is shown. On the visitors' book at the hospital, whither the wounded man was conveyed, the woman has been described simply as "L'aimee" (friend). nystery," the shooting of Waddell Orreld

Observer Apologizes to Wilde,

LONDON, March 31.-The Observer today apologizes to Oscar Wilde and Lord Alfred Douglas for the statement published by that paper on March 25 to the effect that after staying a day at a hotel at Monte Carlo the proprietor, at the request of the other English guests, informed Wilde and Lord Alfred that their rooms had been engaged by others. Both Wilde and Lord Alfred assure the editor of the paper that there was not the slightest foundation for the statement. The Observer continues: "We take the earliest opportunity of expressing our sincere regret and apologies for the ain and annoyance the statement has aused them."

Original Conditions of an Armistice. SHIMONESEKI, March 31.-Japan originally proposed as conditions of an armistice the occupation by the Japanese of tice the occupation by the Japanese of Shan-Kwan, Taku and Tien-Tsin and Japanese centrel of the Shan-Kwan & Tien-Tsin railroad. China, to defray the costs of such occupation. Li llung Chang had vainly sought to medify these conditions and it was proposed to continue the negotiations without an armistice being established when the attempt on the life of the Chinese plenipotentiary occurred. This led to the declaration by the mikado of an unconditional armistice.

Pardoned the Italian Officers. PARIS, March 31.-President Faure has Aurelia, now in prison, after having been convicted of explorage. The pardor of these officers is supposed to be a return for Italy's recent release from prison, where he was confined after having been convicted of explorage, of Captain Romani of the

Peace Has tieen Rest ored in Peru. BUENOS AYRES, March 31 .- Advices received from Lima are to the effect that Rae the South Dakota state record.

STARTING THE CAMPAIGN

Call Issued for the Meeting of the National League of Republican Clubs.

WILL CONTINUE IN SESSION THREE DAYS

Two Thousand Delegates Expected to Be Present-Special Railroad Rates from All Parts of the Country for the Occasion.

Spain to Cuba was that as there was only 6,000 permanently located in Cuba. Spain thought it advisable to place more of a standing army on the island, so that in case the Cubans would attempt to rise up they would be overpowered at once. No other reason for the movement of the troops was assigned.

Martinez Campos is expected to arrive in Havana on April 4 and it is understood that the fight will then be on with great vigor. For the first time the civil guard of Havana are acknowledging the insurrection. The landing of Macco with 1,000 men, near Boraco, is generally conceded. Florcrome is said to be with him, and it is asserted that the landing was effected on the 234.

A Cuban report is that arms were disemtis time.
The ratio of representation will be six

delegates at large from each state and territory, four from each congressional district, and one from each college republican club in the United States duly represented in the American Republican College League convention at Grand Rapids, Mich., April 1997.

The following are ex-officio delegates:
The president, secretary and treasurer of
the national league, one vice president and
one executive member of the national league
from each state and territory league,
making four ex-officio delegates from each.
This gives each state practically ten delegates at large in addition to the four from
each congressional district. The total representation will exceed 2,000 delegates, with
an equal number of alternates. The business of the maeting will include reports
from the officers of the league, the election
of officers, vice presidents and members of
the executive committee for the ensuing
year, the designation of the time and place
for the next national league convention, a
general discussion of league club work,
party policies and organization, the formation of a plan of campaign, with special
reference to the presidential year, and a
consideration of such other questions as
the convention may deem proper.

The utter failure of the democratic alministration in its management of both
foreign and domestic affairs has created
national distrust, general paralysis in business and driven capital from the factories
and labor into the streets, reduced the revenues of the government and increased its
bonded indebtedness. This humiliating condition of national misfortune has eliminated
party lines somewhat, as indicated by the
unprecedented landslide of 1894, which
brought large numbers of protection democrats and populists into the republican platform.

The republican party can stand on its following are ex-officio delegates:

ranks. These new allies will and ample room and welcome on the republican platform.

The republican party can stand on its record. It has kept faith with the people of the United States and has protected all their interests, both foreign and domestic. It has demonstrated its ability to manage the affairs of the government successfully, both in war and in peace. We believe the people of the United States now ricognize its ability to grapple with and settle satisfactorily all the great public questions of the day and to meet any emergency that may arise. It is the privilege of the league now, as heretofore, to be first in the field to prepare the way for the next campaign. It is the only political organization that has kept its forces constantly at work since 1887, and with the coming convention proposes to begin at once a campaign of organization and education throughout the United States on a platform broad enough to attract from all parties those who believe that the principles, policies and aspirations of the republican party are best for the people of the United States. All voters in the United States in sympathy with the above are cordially invited to join the Republican League clubs, and through the clubs and state leagues participate in the election of delegates to the national league convention at Cleveland. We appeal to the young men of the country, particularly the first voters, to take advantage of the league plan of organization and form young men's clubs with special reference to the campalgn of 1896.

1836.

Special railroad rates have been secured for the convention, and information cone-raing the same will be supplied by the various state league officials or direct from these headquarters.

SECURITIES STRONG AT LONDON

American Railway Stocks Score a Decider LONDON, March 31.-With the influx of gold from abroad and with no sign of imnediate shipments to the United States, the previous rates for money continued during the past week. With the exception of home railway securities, which were weak on bac traffic reports, the tone of the stock market was good all around, although owing to he settlement dealings were only on noderate scale. The eastern armistice gay a further impulse to silver securities. Sir Edward Gray's statement in the House of Commons about the French policy in the opper Nile had the effect of weakening international stocks. Spanish bonds were freely sold as a result of the cabinet crisis in Madrid and the Cuban troubles. Paris old all international stocks rather heavil soid all international stocks rather heavily in order to obtain money to invest in mines. The business in the mining share market has at last become so heavy that it has caused a break down in the clearing house arrangements. It is quite evident that the committee is bound to do something to cope with the boom. Canadian railway securities showed a better tone

with the boom. Cahadan rahway securities showed a better tone.

The market for American railway securities continued to improve on various signs of widening trade prospects. Wool has been bought largely at the London auction n American account, while large American on American account, while large American orders for manufactured goods have been placed in Europe. These increases were made: Reading firsts, 5 per cent; Atchison is, 234 per cent; Erie seconds, 2 per cent; Atchison, Denver & Rio Grande proferred, Louisville & Nashville, Norfolk & Western preferred, Reading and Union Pacific each 134 per cent, and Erie and Northern Pacific preferred each 1 per cent. All the others made fractional advances.

ators, at a late hour, agreed upor for the coming year. It is the so-called scale of 1893 and the day wages, with the usual difference of the same price for powder and by the same price for powder and by shall be 85 cents for the summer 90 cents for the winter months.

UNITED KINGDOM'S CROP REVIEW. Weather Was Good the Past Week for

Crop Work. LONDON, March 31.-The weather was good for farm work during the past week. Autumn-sown wheat had a good appear ance. The market for wheat has been the principal feature of the week. There was ome continental inquiry, but in the United some continental inquiry, but in the United Kingdom everything was quiet, the advance baving been lost, owing to the decline in America. There was a large quantity reported afloat, however, the market having been steadier, with more demand and rather higher prices for parcels. The demand has been moderate for winter shipping at 22s 34. Spot was slow. The demand for flour from consumers was quiet and forwarding was inactive. Malze was at a standstill, but closed in more demand. Mixed American parcels were quoted at 19s 3d. Barley has improved somewhat, the demand to cover now being quiet and easier. Oats were about unchanged and duil.

American Israelites in Session. NEW YORK, March 31.-The United States grand lodge of the Independent Order of American Israelites held its second convention today in the New York Maenner-chor hall. This youngster among the Jewish fraternal benefit associations had its origin an independent movement against the iministration of the Benevolent Society of administration of the Benevolent Society of the Sons of Benjamin and which finally resulted in the institution of the American Israelites. The order is organized under article 2 of the insurance laws. The nomi-nation and election of officers resulted in the election of Aaron Levi, grand master; Lewis Boroski and Frederick Many, deputy grand masters; Levy Magnus, grand secre-tary, and Moritz Englander, grand treas-urer. Delegates from the thirty lodges which compose the order were present.

Rae Gets the South Dakota Road Record. CHICAGO, March 31.-The Century Road Club of America last night allowed T. W. He

Much Valuable Timber Destroyed and Several Dwellings Burned

FRANKLIN, Ind., March 31 .- Forest fires have been raging in Brown county during Points in Which the Churchill-Russell Bill the greater part of the past week, and much damage has been done, The most destructive fire is reported just north of Nashville, or about the center of the county. The fires DOES NOT HARMON'ZE WITH OTHER LAWS have been confined principally to the timber, but some loss to buildings and personal property is reported. The fire reached its height Friday during the high wind which prevailed all day, and among other losses reported was that of the residence of Jesse Harding, together with all the outbuildings on his farm. There was little or no breeze CHICAGO, March 31.-President Tracey blowing yesterday, and the fires have suband Secretary Humphrey of the Republican sided to an appreciable extent. The residents National league today present the following in close proximity to the burning district are Russell police commission bill have been in-

very uneasy.

M'KINNEY, Ky., March 31.—Forest fires burned Friday and Friday night. The wind blew hard, and it was impossible to control the flames. Pierce Jones was the greatest well be imagined. So fearful were its pro-sufferer. About 2 o'clock this morning the moters that its delicate provisions for transflames closed in upon his home and burned up his entire possessions. The family barely escaped with their lives. No estimate of the loss can now be fixed. The citizens are rallying to the relief of the distressed district. EGG HARBOR CITY, N. J., March 31.—

A forest fire, which is supposed to have originated from careless burning of rubbish. has been raging throughout this section for several days. It is at present making rapid progress toward the city park, which has an area of two square miles, and is covered with majestic oaks and lofty pines. Hundreds of persons were out fighting the flames today, but on account of the dry weather could accomplish but little. Several buildings on the outskirts are in danger.

The residents are praying for rain.
CINCINNATI, March 31.—A special from
Hawesville, Ky., says Prof. C. M. Bruner
was burned to death in the forest fires, near
Victoria. He was passing through the woods on horseback when he was surrounded by a raging fire. His horse became unmanageable and threw him. In the fall he struck a sharp stake, which penetrated his side, and in a short time he was burned alive. He was a member of the county board of examiners and was formerly a member of the faculty of the National Normal university of Leb-

SELLERSBURG, Ind., March 31 .- A furious fire, fanned by a fierce gale, is raging in the knobs near here. The village of Haussdale on the Louisville division of the Pennsylvania railway has been partially burned. The fire is extending and raging un-CINCINNATI, March 31 .- An Enquirer spe-

cial from English, Ind., says the forest fires are still beyond control. Great quantities of timber have been destroyed, hay stacks, fences and barns have been burned and fruit orchards laid waste. CINCINNATI, O., March 31.—The Com

mercial Gazette specials from points in west-ern Kentucky and southern Indiana report that the forest fires are still raging, definite information from any locality is lacking. The loss is estimated at \$200,000 in Kentucky, and less in Indiana.
Dispatches from Bowling Green, Ky., say

that eight miles from there the homes of Otis Smith, James Waters and Henry Eiler were burned after 500 acres of timber was swept away. The families mounted horses and escaped. Henry Eiler was so badly burned that he died, and a negro farm hand perished in bed on Eiler's farm. At Anperished in bed on Eiler's farm. At Annetta and Blowtown large tracts of timber were burned. William Edwards, colored, was burned to death wille fighting the fire. Since the burning of terday, make three whites, two negroes and

TRAIN STOPPED TOO SUDDENLY. Threw Four Men from the Platform and

Seriously if Not Fatally Injured Them. NEW COMMERSTOWN, O., March 31 .- A vestbound freight train on the Panhandle was wrecked about a mile east of here this morning, and four men were seriously, if not fatally, injured, They are: John Wilson, aged 25, a barber, living at Tuscarawas; Oscar Hurzey, aged 19, son of 'Squire Hurzev. postmaster at Booth: William Mercer and Willis Berkshire, both of the latter place. All walked three miles to Uhrichsville to catch a train for New Commerstown The men stood on the end sill of a car, abou midway of the train. As the train approached the siding to pull in for the limited te engineer found he was running at a high rate of speed and made an emergence stop. The force broke a car coupling jus in front of the one the men were on and they were allowed to drop almost into the jaws of death. Wilson has bad face and scalp wounds, besides internal injuries, which make his recovery hopeless. Berkshire sufmake his recovery hopeless. Berkishire suf-fered theloss of both legs below the knees. He took off his coat, wrapped it about his severed limbs and hid down to await sur-gical aid or to die. Mercer had a shoulder badly crushed and has internal injuries, the severity of which cannot be told yet.

Berkshire will die and Wilson is in a less condition. Settlement of the Iowa Wage Difficulty

Hursey's right arm was broken in two places.

Reached Last Night. ALBIA, Ia., March 31.-After hard work and many concessions, the miners and operators, at a late hour, agreed upon a schedule for the coming year. It is the same as the so-called scale of 1893 and the \$2 scale for day wages, with the usual differentials, with the same price for powder and blacksmithing shall be 85 cents for the summer months and

DEATHS OF THE DAY.

Anthony C. Hesing Dies Suddenly. CHICAGO, March 31 .- Anthony C. Hesing former editor and proprietor of the Illinois Staats-Zeitung, died today, at the age of 72. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis His end was painless. For the last few His end was painless. For the last few years he had retired from active business and political life. When Mr. Hesing retired from newspaper work his son, Washington Hesing, postmaster of Chicago, took charge of the paper. Washington Hesing tonight said that for the last two months his father's health had been much better than for some time previous, and he was able to get around and busy himself with a number of matters of importance. He was able to call at the postofice last Thursday and see his son. Mrs. Hesing died some years ago. Washington Hesing is the daly child.

CORNING, N. Y., March 21.-Edward Bradford Barnes, southern correspondent at St. Louis of the Northwestern St. Louis of the Northwestern Miller, the leading trade journal published at Minneapolis, died in this city today after a brief illness, of typhoid fever. Mr. Barnes was 28 years of age, graduated from Cernell, class of '88, and was one of the leading journalists in the United States. He was for a number of years identified with the Minneapolis Journal and Tribune.

Mrs. Ledyard's Sudden Death. DETROIT, March 31.-Mrs. Henry B. Led yard, wife of the president of the Michigan Central railroad, dropped dead at 1:30 this afternoon while walking near the corner of Chene and Champiain streets. The cause is believed to have been apoplexy. Mrs. Ledyard was about 45 years of age. Found Dead in His Room.

TACOMA, Wash., March 31.-Abe Cross. member of the large dry goods firm of Cross Bros., was found dead in his room this morning, having been shot. It is sup-posed that he committed suicide, sithough no cause can be assigned. President of Garret Biblical Institute Dead. CHICAGO, March St.-Rev. Henry Bas-com Ridgeway, president of the Garret Bib-lical institute, died yesterday afternoon,

FOREST FIRES DOING GREAT DAMAGE. MISTAKES OF ITS MAKERS

is Inherently Weak.

Unrepealed Statutes and Sections that Conflict with the New Police Commission Bill Bound to Make Confusion if it Becomes Law.

LINCOLN, March 31 .- (Special.)-Although the men who are engineering the Churchillcubating their scheme for months past, the bill as it was sent to the governor is about as crude an attempt at legislation as could well be imagined. So fearful were its proforming the Omaha police and fire depart- of ments into political machines might be thrown out of equipoise that they would not permit a single substantial amendment to be through both houses under pressure, to that it light showers Sunday.

The bill by its title purports to amend the to the composition and appointment of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners only, and to substitute in its place the provisions of the new bill. All other sections of the charter are left intact and untouched, notwithstanding the fact that many of them are flagrantly incompetent and a few in actual conflict with the proposed Churchill-Russell plan. The latter seeks to exclude the mayor from all participation in the con-trol of the fire and police departments. The whole framework of the charter is, however, based on the assumption that the mayor is both the nominal and actual head of the police department, and abounds with references to the mayor's power over the police.

SAMPLE CONTRADICTIONS. For example, section 18 says that "the mayor and council shall have power to require all officers or servants, elected or appointed in pursuance of this act, to give bond and security for the faithful performance of their duties," and section 19 empowers the mayor and council "to require from any officer of the city at any time a report any officer of the city at any time a report in detail of the transactions of his office or any matter connected therewith."

Section 30, relating to the Board of Health, provides that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and the Unief of police shall o-operate with said board in the enforcement of all ordinances of the city relating to mat-ters within its jurisdiction, and as otherwise directed by the mayor and city council. The Churchill-Russell bill, by eliminating fro the police commission the mayor, who is the ommon member of both boards, takes away the only agency by which this provision can be executed and renders nugatory the cooperation contemplated by the law.

More pertinent still is section 134, which

designates the mayor as the chief executive officer and conservator of the peace through-out the city, and gives him the power, by and was burned to death while fighting the fire. Since the burning of Jar 2 V. Penny's miss the same at pleasure. He is alone authouse yesterday in Indiana his wife is missing, and is believed to have perished. In ments of all officers elected and appointed by the city government. Section 138 pro- and Weber were burned, causing a loss of vides that the mayor and chief of police shall \$20,000. The death of Eller and the two each have power to call upon any citizen to negroes and that of Mrs. Penny, in addition aid in the enforcement of any ordinance or opression of any riot. 148 make the chief of police subject only to the orders of the mayor and the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in ordinary imes, and to the mayor alone in time of rior tumultuous disturbances.

Finally, an act of 1893 known as section of the city charter, provides that in all cities of 25,000 or more inhabitants "a man shall be appointed by the mayor to the office of police matron," who shall be a regular member of the police staff. This act relates to other cities than Omaha and is man-datory. The new bill, however, also provides for a police matron, but vests her appointment in the police commissioners. As it is also mandatory, Omaha, should it become a law, would have two police matrons, one appointed by the mayor and the other by the police commissioners.

WATERBURY CHARGED WITH FRAUD. sensational Allegations in the Failure of a

CHIC..GO, March 31.—C. W. Barwell, a commission broker of Jefferson, Green ounty, Ia., obtained a warrant charging Thomas D. Waterbury, president of the insolvent commission firm of Malcolm & Waterbury, with the embezzlement of \$8,000 that had been put up to cover margins. Barwell says that the capital stock of the corporation was \$200,000, of which Water-bury held \$190,000, his brother Harry \$5,000 and J. E. Frisby the remainder. There were thirteen branch offices in Iowa and Nebrasical

were thirteen branch offices in Iowa and Nebraska.

Last Wednesday Waterbury made a voluntary issignment, scheduling, it is claimed, the liabilities of the firm as \$1,800, and the assets, consisting of furniture, worth \$300.

The complainant avers that this schedule is false; that Waterbury called in all the money held at the various branch agencies a few days before the assignment, taking from the Jefferson office \$5,000, which money Barwell claims belonged to people who put it up for margins.

POISON MIXED WITH ANTI-TOXINE. Girl Into Whom it Was Injected bled in

Terrible Agony.

NEW YORK, March 31.-A fluid supposed to have been anti-toxine was injected into the arm of Bertha M. Valentine, 17 years old, of Brooklyn, to cure a slight attack of diphtheria. The girl died in awful agony in less than ten minutes. Dr. L. J. Kort-right, who injected the fluid, said: "When the anti-toxine was prepared in Germany the anti-toxine was prepared in Germany some powerful poison must have become mixed with it by mistake. Almost as soon as I had injected the fluid into Miss Valentine's arm she became uneasy. Then she complained of a tickling sensation in her throat and all over her body. She was then seized with convulsions and never before in my life have I seen such a horrible death."

Coroner Kramer said: "This is a matter of too much moment for me to say what action I will take. The autopsy physician says the death was directly due to the fluid presented as anti-toxine.

It Was Not Crowe Who Shot Moore. DENVER, March 31.-The man who sho and killed City Detective A. L. Moore is James McDonaid, alias Los Angeles, His James McDonaid, alias Los Angeles. His partner, who also shot at Moore, is the notorious Bob Stewart, alias James L. Lansing. The identity of the men has been established beyond a possibility of a doubt, according to the city detectives. McDonald and Stewart were recently released from the Utah penitentiary, where they served terms for burglary. They are known as most desperate men. Detective Moore was murdered on the night of March 19, while escorting three ex-convicts to the patrol-box.

Rogers Making Good Use of His Parole. CINCINNATI, March 31.-L. W. Rogers of Chicago, director of the A. R. U., will pend part of his vacation from fall for spend part of his vacation from jail for contempt here. Meetings have been arranged for him every night this week here, at Covington, Newport and Ludlow, Ky. Following these organizing railies of the week there is to be a mass meeting here next Sunday, addressed by Rogers and others, with visiting delegations from Covington, Newport and Ludlow, Ky., Hamilton, Dayton, Middletown and other points in Ohlo. Rogers is representing Debs.

Willow Springs Bank Assigns. signment was made last night by the Wil low Springs bank, Liabilities, including \$18,000 of deposits, are \$36,000. L. Preston of Springfield was made the assignee, De-positors will likely be paid in full. The as-signment was caused by shrinkage of busi-ness.

RAIN CAME WHEN MOST NEEDED. SEED TIME PROMISE Storm that Began Saturday Night Covered a Wide Area Sunday.

Before 7 o'clock yesterday morning twentysix hundredths of an inch of rain fell at this point; in the twelve hours following twentyseven hundredths fell and after 7 o'clock last evening eight hundredths, making a total of sixty-one hundredths.

The rain was general over Nebraska, though comparatively much lighter in the western than in the eastern portion. At Val entine the fall was but 2-100 of an inch. There was a trace of rain only at North Platte at 7 o'clock last evening, but after that hour it was reported raining there and snowing at Cheyenne.

Information secured at the railroad offices corresponded mainly with that furnished by the weather bureau. Local railroad mana- Cutlook Favorable in All but a Few Scatgers were in frequent receipt of messages yesterday from points on their lines stating the progress of the storm, and they all agreed with the business men who were heard to express themselves that the rain would be incalculable benefit Rain was slight at Des Moines and Kansas

City, Kansas was not touched. Missouri Valley, Avoca, Walnut and Glenpermit a single substantial amendment to be wood, Ia., report good, heavy rains Satur-incorporated in the measure, but rushed it day night, followed by heavy clouds and came cut in exactly the same shape in SURPRISE, Neb., March 31.—(Special Tele-which it was sent in. gram.)—A heavy downpour of rain last night and today will gladden the hearts of all Many acres of oats have been put in the

past week. HUMPHREY, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Heavy rain fell last night and today. Today's rain was preceded by heavy hunder. Lots of small grain has already een planted, and the rain was received with great joy. Confidence is restored and spring work will proceed without further

PLAINVIEW, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)-The first heavy rain for nearly e year began falling this morning about o'clock and has continued without interruption ever since. A large amount of seeding has been done, and the rain will do ditions in the state were such that the outmuch to restore confidence in the future of look for an abundant crop was very dubious. his portion of the state, ELKHORN, Neb., March 31.—(Special

'elegram.)-This locality last night and today was visited by the first rain of consequence since July 3 last. As the farmers are in the midst of their spring seeding work, the moisture is exceedingly well timed, and lewed by the citizens in general as a veri-WAYNE, Neb., March 31 .- (Special Tele-

am.)-A fine rain has been falling nearly all afternoon, and promises to continue during e night, which will thoroughly soak the Farmers are about through sowing ground. wheat, and everybody is feeling jubilant. Three hundred and thirty acres of sugar beets have been contracted in this vicinity, SEWARD, Neb., March 31.—(Special Tele gram.)-This vicinity was blessed with good. heavy rains last night, which continued for the most of the night. Today is cloudy, with

continued light showers of rain, which is of antold value to the farmers of this section. WAHOO, March 31.-(Special Telegram.) A light rain set in last night, and has con-tinued for the greater part of today, with prospects for a continuance for some time onger. FREMONT, March 31.—(Special Tele

gram.)-A good, heavy rain fell last night, which continued for several hours. There was no rain today, but the clouds are heavy with good indications of more rain falling. COLUMBUS, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The best rain for a year began fall ing last night at 12 o'clock, and continued for twelve hours. The rainfall was quite heavy. The people are exceedingly jubilant today with the indications for more rain at hand. NORFOLK, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)-No rain fell here last night, but at egan falling, and has continued all day, with prospects for its continuance for som OAKDALE, Neb., March 31 .- (Special Tel-

gram.)-The rainfall today is the heaviest for fore than a year, 1 18-100 inches. BLAIR, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)— A good, steady rain began falling last night which continued for the most of the night Showers at short intervals has been the rule all day today

PLATTSMOUTH, March 31 .- (Special Tele gram.)-A good rain fell here last night and this morning. It is still cloudy, with good ndications of more rain. LINCOLN, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—This section of the state was visited

with heavy rains last night. It has been cloudy all day, with frequent showers. HASTINGS, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)-No rain has fallen here within the past twenty-four hours. It is cloudy, with the wind from the north, and quite cool, CRETE, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)— Light rains began falling last night, and

were followed today with light showers a short intervals. WATERLOO, Neb., March 31.-(Special.) A heavy rain has been falling all day, putting the ground in No. 1 shape for farming.
ASHLAND, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Heavy rains fell the greater part of last night, followed by good showers today GRAND ISLAND, March 31.- (Special Te

egram.)—Heavy clouds, threatening rain, ar drifting over this section of the state, bu o rain has fallen yet. AURORA, March 31 .- (Special Telegram.) Heavy clouds, but no rain. YORK, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)-Good rains have fallen all day, followed b heavy mist tonight.

PARIS, Mo., March 31 .- The long drouth i broken. A fine rain is falling here. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., March 31.—Great joy prevailed in this section last night. The great drouth has been broken. A good rain set in early last evening.

LACON, III., March 31.—A soaking rain set in last evening, which is belled.

set in lest evening, which is hailed with joy Meadow land was parched and the hay cro-ST. PAUL, Minn., March 31.-Very muc needed rain fell heavily and steadily last night in this city and throughout southern

HURON, S. D., March 31.—Rain began falling here at midnight and has continue with occasional additions of light hall. tonight over one inch of rain has falle with good prospects that the storm will con tinue all night. This is encouraging

DENVER, March 31 .- A special to th News from Casper, Wyo., says: The heavy snowfall of the last forty hours has ceased, with no particular damage to the range interests in this section. Thousands of she are here, as shearing was to have con menced tomorrow. Four hundred thousand are registered to be shorn in the pens of this vicinity, and the storm will retard commence-ment a week or ten days. Sheep men are, however, jubilant, as the saow insures early and abundant feed. Railroad communication

is still shut off.

gram.)—Over an inch of rain has fallen gen-crally over the state since midnight last night and it is still raining. Farmers have most of their small grain in.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., March 31.—A
heavy rain fell today for about eight hours,
thoroughly scaking the ground, doing in-

SIOUX FALLS, March 31 .- (Special Tele

estimable good to crops. This is the rain of any quantity since September. SIGUX CITY, March 31.-The drouth has been broken and a steady rain has been falling all day, and is still coming down Aid for the Evanston Widows.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 31 .- (Special.) -The people of Wyoming have responded liberally to the call for aid for the pendent wives and childen of the unfortu-nate miners who lost their lives in the Red Canon disaster. Beyeral hundred dollars has been raised in every town of importance along the line of the Union Pacific railroad. Over \$1,000 has been contributed by the people of Cheyenne.

Movements of Seagoing Vessels, March 31

GROUND GENERALLY FIT FOR PLANTING

Before the Rain Fell There Was Enough

Nebraska Not to See Another Year of

Drouth and Famine.

Moisture to Protect Seed.

SIXTY-NINE COUNTIES ON THE PROSPECT

tered Localities.

RAIN OF SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY

Nearly Every County in the State Visited by a Generous Soaking Shower-Summary of the Reports Basis for Hope.

Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night rain fell in nearly every county in eastern and northern Nebraska. A few spots in the central and western part of the state have not reported, but it is known that the moisture was distributed generally and almost generously all through the thickly settled portion of the state. More timely rain never came, for the greatest anxiety felt in reference to the prospects for the coming crop in Nebraska and the lack of rain had given rise to apprehensions that already the con-In order that the exact situation might be known. The Bee has secured reports of the present conditions throughout the state. Reports have been received from nearly every county in the state, which show that as yet there is no cause for the alarm that has been felt—that, in fact, the prospects are generally of the best. In sete of the lack of rain, the reports indicate that in almost every section of Nebraska the soil is moist and in good condition for working and seeding. There are a few exceptions to this general rule, but not enough to make the outlook at all dubious. It is true there has been a great lack of moisture, but the reports indicate that the ground is not too dry for seeding, and that with the rain that came last night and what will follow in April and May all crops will be in excellent

All of the eastern counties report the soil as in excellent condition, though in the southeast more rain is needed at once. This section was soaked yesterday. The acreage is reported to be an average one, both in corn

and small grain. Along the Republican valley the situation is very favorable. Nearly all the counties in that district report the conditions excellent, though in the western portion of the valley there is a complaint of lack of seed to sow

a full crop.

In the central portion of the state the situation seems to be generally good. In with the indications for more rain at hand. NORFOLK, March 31.—(Special Teleram.)—No rain fell here last night, but at o'clock this morning a good, steady rain county, for instance, right in the heart of the drouth-stricken district, the ditions are reported as good, though more moisture is needed. A few other counties in this district make reports not quite so favorable, and three or four will decreased acreage because of lack of seed.

The gloomiest reports come from the far western tier of counties. In one or two of these counties the farmers are discouraged unless their farms are under irrigation. The reports, however, state that irrigation plants are being extended, and that with the ditches there need be no fear of a crop failure. Alfalfa will be extensively grown in this district. In northeast Nebraska the situation is

very encouraging, and an increased acreage of all crops will be sown. The soil is re-In the extreme northern counties there is general complaint of lack of moisture, and the outlook was not considered encouraging, but the timely rain has put a different aspect While generally reported as too dry in the

northwestern counties, the outlook is de-clared to be very favorable. Rain was eeded at once to insure a crop, and the The following reports, all written during the past week, tell the story in detail from the various counties:

ADAMS COUNTY. The acreage sown in spring wheat will be nown as usual, owing to a scarcity of seed, but perhaps the acreage will not be much below the average. The soll is in excellent condition, in fact never was better. Very little preparation will be required after plowing to put it in perfect order for seeding. We have had no rain or snow in this county this month, except a little snow on the 13th, which was void of results. But the splendid

BANNER COUNTY. The soil is very dry, as there has been no ain and but little snow since last fall. There will be little grain put in unless our farmers secure aid seed. Our county has not been included in the distribution of aid, but to have a crop we must have seed.

BLAINE COUNTY. The outlook for spring sowing here was never better, but we are sadly in need of seed. The condition of the soil is first rate. We have had no rain, but had light snow falls, the snow evaporating slowly. It is now pretty dry.

BOONE COUNTY.

netter. Winter wheat, however, is very poor wheat is all sown and cat sowing has been commenced. Very little ground will remain idle. The soil is in the best of condition for the present, but the ground will need rain soon. In spite of the fact that we have had very little rain or snow, the ground is moist for three feet down. BOX BUTTE COUNTY.

The outlook in this county for spring sow-ing is very favorable and the condition of the soil is both moist and good. We have had seven inches of snow on an average, but no rain. BROWN COUNTY.

The outlook for spring sowing is very poor Very few farmers are attempting to do anything. There is about six inches of moist soil on top, then dry as meal and hard as a board for about six feet down. Unless we get rain soon there can be no crop. The ground is excessively dry underneath. The plow or cultivator scrapes on the dry ground. There is barely moist soil enough to cover the seed. We had one or two very light snow falls in early March, but nothing since except very clean, bright weather, warm and pleas-ant. Our farmers are much dejected and dis-

The shortage of seed in this county will probably be two-thirds of usual acreage. There will be a larger proportion of corn than of other cereats. The condition of At Havre-Arrived-La Gascogne, from is mellow and molet for a sufficient New York.

At New York-Arrived-Adriatic, from snow during March, but we had a glorious rainfall in February, which did incalculable